Central Valley Drinking Water Policy Overview

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Presentation Overview

- Current regulatory framework
- Need for Drinking Water Policy
- Stakeholder workgroup
- Policy development process & progress
- Schedule
- Future steps

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Drinking Water Quality Regulations & Policies

- Clean Water Act & Porter-Cologne
 - Ambient, receiving water regulations
 - Beneficial uses
 - Water quality objectives
- Safe Drinking Water Act
 - Treated drinking water regulations
 - DHS MaximumContaminant Levels(MCLs)

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Need for a Drinking Water Policy

- 1990 State Water Project Sanitary Survey
- 1998, 2002, & 2006 Triennial Review
- CALFED Record of Decision (August 2000)
- 2004 Regional Board Resolution

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Central Valley Drinking Water Policy Workgroup

- Comprised of interested stakeholders
- Assist and advise Regional Board staff
- Developed technical work plan (Jan 2003)
- Obtained funding

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Policy Development Process

- Technical Studies
- Outreach to Stakeholders
- Policy Recommendation & Basin Plan Amendment

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Policy Development Process: Outreach

- Fact sheet
- Webpage and e mail listserv
- Stakeholder briefings & interviews

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Next Steps

- Coordinate monitoring and data collection
- Analytical modeling
- Identify range of potential water quality goals
- Evaluate water treatment effectiveness
- Develop initial policy alternatives
- Basin Plan Amendment

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Online Resources

Listserv subscription:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/lyrisforms/reg5_subscribe.html

Website:

http://www.swrcb.ca.gov/rwqcb5/available_documents/dw-policy/index.html

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